## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a method of creating a textured nonwoven fabric for apparel and home fashions applications, wherein the nonwoven fabric becomes aesthetically altered upon laundering. Once laundered during manufacture, the nonwoven fabric exhibits a permanent distressed appearance that becomes an integral part of the fabric. Subsequent to laundering, the fabric can be formed into a roll for shipment and storage. The distressed appearance of the nonwoven fabric is best described by comparing the laundered fabric to an elephant's skin.

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